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wherein each of R¹ to R¹² independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxy group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; any two of R¹ to R¹² may form a ring; however, at least one of R¹ to R¹² is a diarylamino group represented by -NAr¹Ar² (each of Ar¹ and Ar² represents substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group or substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group), and at least one of the R¹ to R¹² other than the diarylamino group is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

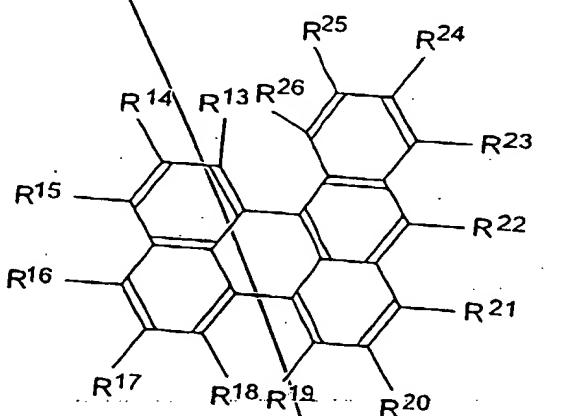
wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [1] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or

~~non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.~~

2. (Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one of A^1 and Ar^2 has a substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

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2 7. (Amended) An organic EL device comprising an anode, a cathode, and one or more organic thin-film layers including a light-emitting layer sandwiched between the anode and the cathode, at least one of the organic thin-film layers including [either singly or as a mixture,] a benzoperylene compound represented by a general formula [2] as follows:



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[2]

wherein each of R¹³ to R²⁶ independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, substituted or non-substituted amino group, nitro group, cyano group, substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkenyl group, substituted or non-substituted styryl group, substituted

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or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic hydrocarbon group, substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group or substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group; and two of R¹³ to R²⁶ may form a ring; and at least one of R¹³ to R²⁶ is a group with steric hindrance for suppressing aggregation of molecules,

wherein the group with steric hindrance included in the general formula [2] is a substituted or non-substituted alkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or non-substituted alkoxy group, a substituted or non-substituted aromatic heterocyclic group, a substituted or non-substituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or non-substituted aryloxy group.

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9. (Amended) The organic EL device as defined in claim 8, wherein at least one of Ar¹ and Ar² has a substituted or non-substituted styryl group as a substituent.

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